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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 42054

PPL MONTANA, LLC

v.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: April 13, 2001

In a petition filed on March 23, 2001, complainant, PPL Montana, LLC (PPL), requests a 2-week extension of the April 23, 2001 due date for filing rebuttal statements in this proceeding. Complainant states that the reply statement of defendant, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), filed on March 13, 2001, is voluminous and raises novel issues regarding the application of the stand-alone cost methodology. In a response filed on March 30, 2001, BNSF states that, although it does not agree with PPL's characterization of BNSF's reply evidence and argument, it does not oppose the request for an extension.

The extension request is reasonable and will be granted.

It is ordered:

1. Complainant's unopposed request for a 2-week extension of the due date for filing rebuttal statements is granted. Rebuttal statements will now be due on May 7, 2001.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary